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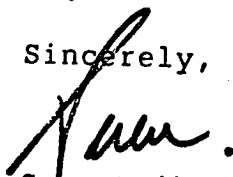
Dear John:

On January 21, 1988, I received a letter from Dave Gries regarding implementation of Section 630 of the "Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1988," which was part of the Omnibus Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 1988 (Public Law 100-202). This section places significant limitations on the implementation and enforcement of any employee secrecy agreement that uses such terms as "classifiable."

The Committee has always believed that public support for an effective intelligence system depends upon the most scrupulous adherence to all applicable law. We anticipate that this matter will be no exception. It is my understanding that the Agency is conferring with others in the Executive branch regarding its proposed method of complying with Section 630. Please advise me or Britt Snider of the results of such consultations and of actions taken by the Director in this area. At that time we will review the efforts of the Agency in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sven Erik Holmes
 Staff Director and
 General Counsel